



Celebrating the Liturgy

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Saturday 6 pm.
Sunday
9.00 am; 10.30 am; 12 noon

Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri: 9.30 am Sat: 12 noon.

No Evening Masses

From 2nd July to 24th August

Reconciliation

Saturday Confessions
12.30pm – 1.00 pm.
5.30pm – 5.55pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Will cease from
2nd July to 31st August

Marriages

6 months notice required.
Please contact Fr O'Donnell

Parish Baptisms

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 2pm

One month's notice required. Please contact the Parish Office.

URGENT PLEA FOR RETIRED TEACHERS

to help support local children "Special needs charity Sólás has put out an urgent call for **Retired Teachers** to help provide 1:1 support to children, with additional educational needs, in a number of primary schools across the Belfast area. These are hugely rewarding voluntary positions and one morning per week, during term time, is required. Please contact Anne Cahill at Sólás on 02890 247600, Mobile 07729 779242 or email anne@solasbt7.com for further details."

Youth Ministry Social Media

Follow the below accounts to be kept up to date with some exciting programmes that will be coming up in the four parishes who share in our Youth Ministry Project.



@SEBelfastCYM



Saint Brigid's Parish

Pastoral Community of South and East Belfast

Parish Priest: Very Reverend Edward O'Donnell. Tel: 028 9066 5409

Parish Office: Tel: 028 9066 5409; 9.00-1.00pm Week Days

Email: stbrigids@downandconnor.org

Parish Website: www.stbrigidsparishbelfast.org

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

29th July 2018 Psalter Week I

Introduction

There are many things to reflect on in today's Gospel, which is rich in symbolism. Christ has a true interest in our progress through life and if we turn to him trustfully and sincerely, he will help us over our difficulties.

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

God, in his graciousness, provides generously for human hunger – of body and spirit. *"They will eat and have some leftover."*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144

**R/. You open wide your hand O Lord,
and grant our desires.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

The Ephesians are encouraged to live the unity of their Baptism.
"One Body, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism."

Gospel: John 6:1-15

John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach us about the Eucharist.

"Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready."

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Gerry Moore, Ryan Musy, Noel Slattery & Amparo Malone
who died recently

Norrie Toolan, Hugh McAlinney, Elish Doyle, Joe Verzin,
Fr Peter McCluskey, Thomas McCloskey, Geraldine Vallely,
Sean & Annie Tynan, Jim Gallagher
whose anniversary's are at this time
May they rest in peace.

Please let us know before Mass that you wish to receive Holy Communion and the Eucharistic Minister will bring Holy Communion to you - or if you prefer - sit at the front and the Priest will give you Holy Communion.

The Short Book Club

The next meeting of the Club will be after 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 15th August 2018. The book we will be discussing is – Amongst Women by John McGahern. All are welcome to our growing band of readers.

Parish Offertory Collection: 22nd July £4,276.15
Diocesan Pastoral Services Collection: 15th July £2,104

Thank you for your continued support.

St Brigid's Parish Gift Aid Scheme (2017/2018)

Parishioners who may require a certificate of payments made from 6 April 2017 to 5 April 2018 please contact the parish office and a certificate will be prepared on request. Tel 028 9066 5409
email: stbrigids@downandconnor.org

Please note: As in previous years – there will be **no evening Masses** during the summer holiday period (2nd July – 24th August).
Weekday morning Masses & Vigil and Sunday Masses are as usual.

WMOF Final Mass – Buses

Information about bus leaving time and other details will be communicated closer to the time. Further information on the arrangements for the Final Mass can be found at -
<https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Closing-Mass-ticket-only>

To mark the opening of the week of the World Meeting of Families (21st - 26th August) there will be a Family Mass for the South and East Belfast Parish Pastoral Community in **Good Shepherd Church on Tuesday, 21st August at 7.30pm.** The Mass will be concelebrated by the priests of the Parish Pastoral Community and everyone is warmly invited to participate. More details later.

Dispelling the darkness. Spreading the light of truth.

Keeping abortion out of Northern Ireland.
Saturday 4th August - Malone Lodge Hotel, Eglington Ave, Belfast.
Time:2-4pm. Speakers Include:Fr. Shenan Boquet (USA)
Patrick Mc Crystal,Human Life International Ireland and others.
Bring your friends.For more info ph. 0035385 8608835

Food Bank Collection

Non perishable food items can be donated after all Masses on **4th/5th August 2018.** Thank you for your support.

List of **items currently most needed:** Instant potato; Lentils; Peas; Beans; Rice; Vegetable oil; Tinned meat; Jam; Pasta sauces; Cereals; Biscuits; Shampoo.

This Is Palestine screening

Join Trócaire at the Féile an Phobail for the screening of 'This Is Palestine' on Tuesday 7th August at 7pm in St Mary's University College. This documentary follows Riverdance founder John McColgan on a journey through Gaza and the West Bank. There will be a discussion afterwards with John McColgan and Seán Farrell, Director of Trócaire's International Division. It is free and all are welcome.

Challenge of Pope Francis to the Church in Ireland

A public lecture by

John Allen Jr

on Thursday, 16th August, at 7.30pm

St. Brigid's Parish Centre.

John Allen is the editor of CRUX, specializing in coverage of the Vatican and the Catholic Church. He is a greatly respected international speaker on Catholicism. In 2014 he was the keynote speaker at the inaugural Down and Connor Faith and Life Convention. In his lecture, to mark the World Meeting of Families, John will reflect on Pope Francis' recent writings and their challenge for us in Ireland. Everyone welcome.